

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) An in-line roller skate comprising:  
a boot for receiving the foot of a user, the boot including a heel portion, a middle portion, a toe portion and a bottom portion;  
an outsole disposed along the bottom portion of the boot, said outsole including a toe section;  
a chassis including a pair of elongated, parallel frames attached to the bottom portion of the skate;  
a plurality of wheels mounted on said chassis between said pair of frames, said frames having opposed front and rear ends and wherein said frames are connected at said front ends only by an axle of one of said wheels; and  
a recess disposed in the outsole of the boot at said toe section, and wherein at least one of said plurality of wheels is partially recessed within said recess of said outsole.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Original) The in-line roller skate of claim 2, further comprising a first wheel mounted on the chassis at the toe portion of the boot.
4. (Original) The in-line roller skate of claim 3, wherein said first wheel is partially disposed within said recess.
5. (Original) The in-line roller skate of claim 3, further comprising a second wheel mounted on the chassis behind the first wheel.
6. (Original) The in-line roller skate of claim 5, wherein both said first and second wheels partially extend into said recess.
7. (Original) The in-line roller skate of claim 5, wherein said second wheel is partially disposed within said recess.
8. (Original) The in-line roller skate of claim 1, wherein said plurality of wheels have the same size diameter.

9. (Previously Presented) An in-line roller skate comprising:  
a boot for receiving the foot of a user, the boot including a heel portion, a middle portion, a toe portion and a bottom portion;  
an outsole disposed along the bottom portion of the boot, said outsole including a toe section located below said toe portion;  
a chassis including a pair of elongated, parallel frames attached to the bottom portion of the skate, said frames having opposed front and rear ends;  
a plurality of wheels mounted on said chassis, the front ends of said pair of frames being connected together at the toe portion by only an axle of at least one of said wheels;  
a recess disposed in the outsole of the boot at said toe section; and  
at least one of said plurality of wheels being disposed below said recess of said outsole.

10. (Currently Amended) The in-line roller skate of claim 1, wherein each of said frames include a front and rear bracket for mounting the ~~same~~ frame to the outsole.

11. (Previously Presented) The in-line roller skate of claim 10, wherein each said front bracket is mounted to the toe section of the outsole on a side of the recess such that said recess is located between said front mounting brackets of the frames.

12. (Currently Amended) The in-line roller skate of claim 9, wherein each of said frames include a front and rear bracket for mounting the ~~same~~ frame to the outsole.

13. (Previously Presented) The in-line roller skate of claim 12, wherein each said front bracket is mounted to the toe section of the outsole on a side of the recess such that said recess is located between said front mounting brackets of the frames.